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SUBJECT: COLOMBIA SEEKS U.S. SUPPORT FOR SEAT ON PAHO
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. This is an action request, see para 2.

2. (U) The Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) delivered a diplomatic note requesting USG support in obtaining one of three vacant seats on the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) at elections this month in Washington, D.C. Post requests guidance on USG response to the MFA regarding this request.

3. (U) BEGIN TEXT OF INFORMAL TRANSLATION.

The Ministry of Foreign Relations of Colombia - Directorate of Multilateral Political Affairs - sends its greetings to the Honorable Embassy of the United States of America, with the opportunity to reiterate its request for support for the Colombian candidacy to occupy one of the three vacant seats on the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization - PAHO -, elections that will take place in the month of September of 2009 in Washington.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Directorate of Multilateral Political Affairs - takes this opportunity to reiterate to the Honorable Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest and most distinguished consideration.

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